

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the heading at page 1, line 1, as follows:

Description

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

METHOD FOR PRE-PROCESSING SPEECH

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading at line 20 on page 1 as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 26, as follows:

To achieve this objective, the invention provides a method for pre-processing speech, in particular in a method for recognizing speech, ~~according to claim 1~~. In addition, the invention provides a speech pre-processing system, in particular integrated into a speech processing system, a computer program product, and a computer readable storage medium as ~~defined in claims 14, 15, and 16, respectively~~. Further features and preferred embodiments are respectively defined in respective sub-claims and/or in the following description.

Please insert the following heading between lines 17 and 18 on page 5 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading between lines 28 and 29 on page 5 as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the Abstract at page 25 with the following: